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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/051,311; Filed: January 22, 2002
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Sir:

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1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,410.00 to cover:
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